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The following is a breakdown of the basic units in a wartime tank division of the Soviet Army.

1. A medium tank regiment of a Soviet tank division consists of:
  - a. Three tank battalions
  - b. One motorized rifle battalion.
  - c. One 57 mm AAA (zenitnaya ustanovka) battery.
2. The heavy tank self-propelled regiment has the following units:
  - a. One heavy tank battalion.
  - b. One heavy SAU battalion.
  - c. One motorized rifle company.
  - d. One 57 mm AAA battery.
3. The mechanized regiment consists of:
  - a. Three motorized rifle battalions (MSB).
  - b. One tank self-propelled battalion.
  - c. One 85 mm self-mobile gun battery.
  - d. One 120 mm mortar battery.
  - e. One AAA-MG battalion.
4. The howitzer artillery regiment (GAP) has three battalions of 122 mm howitzers.
5. The AAA regiment consists of the following:
  - a. Two 85 mm AAA batteries.
  - b. Four 57 mm AAA batteries.
6. The separate BM-24 battalion has two batteries.

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7. The signal battalion consists of:
  - a. One headquarters company
  - b. Two radio companies.
  - c. One telephone and cable company.
  - d. One rear communications platoon.
8. The engineer battalion consists of:
  - a. Two engineer companies (sapota).
  - b. One engineer mechanized company.
  - c. One stream crossing company.
  - d. One engineer technical company.
  - e. One mine clearing platoon (vzvod protivominnykh tralov)
9. The separate reconnaissance battalion has the following:
  - a. Two armored personnel carrier platoons.
  - b. One motorcycle company.
  - c. One tank company.
10. The chemical company consists of:
  - a. One laboratory.
  - b. One reconnaissance platoon.
  - c. One materiel decontamination platoon (vzvod degazatsii tekhniki).
  - d. One ground decontamination platoon (vzvod degazatsii mestnosti).
  - e. Sanitation section (otdeleniye sanitarnoy obrabotki).
11. Support (obespecheniye) elements of a Soviet tank division include a signal platoon, an AAA platoon, and an engineer chemical reconnaissance section.

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An information report bearing the above heading was issued  
Para. 2(a) of this report should be corrected to read "Two heavy tank  
battalions."

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